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**FROM DANIEL CARROLL, ESQ. <sup>1</sup>**

ROCK CREEK Sepr. 1st. 1773

SIR,

In the winter 1771 I received a letter from a Mercht. of my acquaintance in Galway, in Ireland, strongly recommending, some Irish families, who had embark'd for America: These poor people, finding they cou'd not live under the exactions of their Land-lord, on their leases falling, resolv'd to venture into this part of the world, were able to pay their passages, & bring with them some family goods, & working utensils; besides the particular, & strong recommendation I received, they will shew you the testimony given in their Favor by the Mayor, & principal inhabitants of Galway. They have had house room, & fireing on my land since their arrival: The men have work'd abroad, & by their Conduct, justified the recommendations given of them, & I am certain will be of Singular Service wherever they Settle, particularly in making meadows to which they have been chiefly accustom'd: Thus much in justice to these poor people, I have thought proper to say, as they have an intention of treating with you about some of yr back land; Three of these men have been as far back as Buffaloe land over the Monongahela—Upon their report, they had all concluded, to move with their families, & occupy lands, as many others have done, in expectation of haveing the refusal, when the property is ascertained; but on seeing your advertisement, I adviz'd them to wait on you, & know yr terms. I have reason to expect, if

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these people settle themselves to their Satisfaction, a very Considerable number of their relations will be soon with them, who are now only waiting to hear from them: It would not I apprehend be bad pollicy in those who may possess large bodys tracts of land to lay out a Glebe for a Clergyman, this wou'd have considerable weight with many Irish Roman Catholicks, who woud probably bring their own Clergyman with them. I intended myself taking a trip into these new Countries as they are call'd, & purchasing some land if the terms & title were agreeable, in hopes of making it turn to advantage, as my Connections in Ireland, enable me to procure a number of very industrious settlers, & among them some of property with whom, I correspond. I have lately received a letter dated New York July 26th. from Mr. Foxcroft one of the 72 intended proprietors, by which I find the Charter was not then obtaind: shou'd matters be settled, time enough this fall, I shall putt my resolution into execution, & if you intend to make an excursion that way, shall be glad to attend you—& am, Sir with esteem,

Yr most Obt Servt DANIEL CARROLL

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